implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Committee. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to examine the recommendations of the Expert Committee and provide their feedback to the Task Force on the implementation of the recommendations.

Hike in export subsidies for farmers in Andhra Pradesh

2132. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has urged to consider a hike in export subsidies for farmers; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

QRT report on IASRI

2133. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the QRT report for the period 1987—95 of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) under IACR was highly critical of the Institute's performance and competence in the area of computing science;

(b) whether QRT also advised IASRI to orient towards developmental work, develop competence in designing and maintaining online data-bases and play a primary role, rather than being just a facilitator; and

(c) if so, the details of developmental work completed and the on-line data bases created, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of Information Systems have been developed and some are in pipeline as mentioned below:

Completed:

(i) National Information System on Agriculture Education (NISAGE)

(ii) Project Information and Management System (PIMS)

(iii) Agricultural Field Experiments Information System (AFEIS)

(iv) Agriculture Research Data Information System—ARDIS

New ones started:

(i) A Mission Mode Project "Integrated National Agricultural Resources Information System"

(ii) Development of Software for On-line Information System on Personnel Management for Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Trading girl children by parents in Rajasthan

2134. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the trading of daughters by the parents in despair in the drought affected areas in Rajasthan because of utter lack of relief work and money;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of the situation to identify the causes for failure of the measures taken so far in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to reprieve the drought affected people from such a desperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that no such trading took place and that the State Government had undertaken adequate relief measures.

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as the nodal agency for management of natural disasters closely monitored the